REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 6-9 are pending. Claims 1, 6 and 9 are independent. Claim 1 was amended. Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, due to a missing word in claim 1. The amendment to add the missing word "multiplying" is the correction of an obvious typographical error is not believed to narrow the claim. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 4 and 5 were rejected based on cited art in the Office Action. Those claims have been cancelled without prejudice, rendering their rejections moot.

In view of the above amendments, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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